

1,500 FIGHT POLICE TO AID RENT STRIKE

**100 Men Break Through Lines
and Chase Aged Landlord
Through Bronx Streets.**

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of Marshal Evict Twenty Fam-
ilies From Five Houses.**

An angry mob chased a landlord through the streets and attacked the police and a city marshal's crew of furniture movers yesterday when twenty families striking for rent reductions were evicted from five buildings on Longfellow Avenue, the Bronx. In the throng the police recognized Communist agitators who organized several rent strikes in the North Bronx several weeks ago.

The rent strikers' demonstrations began early. At 5 A. M. a man marched up and down the street, blowing a ram's horn, arousing the residents. Other agitators went through the six-story buildings at 1,795, 1,801, 1,805, 1,809 and 1,815 Longfellow Avenue, where the strike was in effect. They knocked on the doors and announced: "We need women to come out and sock the cops."

Soon the street began to fill with persons. Signs protesting against "police terror" and urging "solidarity" and fights against landlords began to appear on fire-escapes.

1,500 Battle Marshal and Police.

At 10:45 o'clock about 1,500 persons stood behind police lines opposite the five buildings. It was about this time that Marshal Charles Kemp appeared with eviction warrants signed by Justice Ely Neuman of the Municipal Court. His twenty-five workers were guarded by part of the detail of fifty policemen and detectives that Deputy Inspector Jay McDonald had on hand.

As the furniture movers started toward the buildings the crowd howled, broke through the police lines and attacked the men. A lively battle ensued, but lasted only a few minutes. Paper bags filled with water were dropped on the battlers from above, policemen swung their fists and women screamed and tore at the policemen's uniforms.

Then Inspector McDonald ordered six mounted men to charge. The fighters scurried into hallways. Patrolmen were sent through the apartment houses and the water attack was stopped. Other policemen went to the roofs to guard against an attack from above.

Frustrated in their effort to stop the eviction, the leaders began to make speeches to large crowds at the corners of 174th and 175th Streets, while others harangued from the windows. There were shouts of down with American democracy and capitalism, and the cry that the workers' struggle had begun. The women caused the most trouble.

The police exercised restraint, however, and did not make any arrests, not even in the case of a woman who bit the hand of Inspector McDonald's chauffeur.

Landlord, Chased, Escapes Mob.

One of the landlords was recognized by the mob which rushed at him. The police held the crowd until the man got into 174th Street. About 100 men, however, made their way through the lines and followed the landlord, an elderly man, for two blocks. Then they raised a shout and ran toward him. With a half-block start he managed to get inside a building at 1,680 Vyse Avenue before his pursuers reached the doors.

The man who was chased was believed to be a partner of the firm of Weinberg & Weinberg, 1,400 Broadway, owners of the five buildings.

Most of the tenants who were ordered evicted had locked their doors and gone out, making it necessary for Marshal Kemp to break into the apartments. Most of those who were at home refused circulars telling where they might obtain relief if they were in distress. Four additional families scheduled for eviction were allowed to remain because of illness.

Demands made by yesterday's strikers were identical with those in the strikes in the Communist quarter of the Bronx. These were for a 15 per cent decrease in rent and recognition of a tenants' committee. Agents for the buildings said that small reductions were proffered and the landlords offered to allow a tenants' committee to operate the buildings if they would meet only the cost, but these proposals were rejected.

Some of the tenants began last evening to move their belongings away from the street where they had been piled by the marshal's men.